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RE: **Interconnection Agreement¹ Entered into by BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T South Carolina and Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC ("Palmetto Telephone") Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996**
Docket No. 2016-54-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

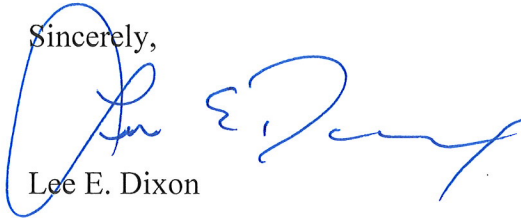
Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T") and Palmetto Telephone submit to the South Carolina Public Service Commission this Interconnection Agreement for, among other things, the interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements and the resale of AT&T's telecommunications services. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Act and also may contain terms and conditions for products and services voluntarily agreed to by the parties outside the scope of Sections 251 and 252 of the Act.

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between Palmetto Telephone and AT&T within 90 days of its submission. The Commission may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Both parties represent that neither of these reasons exists as to the agreement they have negotiated and that the Commission should approve their agreement.

¹ Palmetto Telephone has requested that AT&T make available the Interconnection Agreement in its entirety between AT&T and Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC that was filed March 15, 2016 and approved March 23, 2016 in Docket No. 2016-114-C.

As a courtesy, a copy of this agreement is being provided to the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee E. Dixon", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Lee E. Dixon

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Enclosure

cc: James E. McDaniel